



Christ Gave Himself  
For His Bride

# History of Christ's Love

Before the foundation of the world (1 Pet 1:20)

God's predetermined plan (Acts 2:23)

The Covenants of promise (Eph 2:12)

Seed of the woman (Gen 3:15)

Abrahamic covenant (Gen 12, 15, 22; Gal 3:16ff)

Davidic covenant (2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 110:1-4)

New covenant (Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:24-32)



Ephesians 5:25b  
Message

Christ-like love sacrificially gives  
itself to meet the needs of those  
loved

# The Bride of Christ

“The believing community is here compared to a maiden for whom Christ laid down his life that she might become his bride”

F.F. Bruce, *Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians*, p. 386

# Church: the Bride of Christ

- Jesus referred to Himself as the Bridegroom
- Paul “betrothed” the church to Christ
- Marriage supper of the Lamb
  
- (Mk 2:18-20; Jn 3:29; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 19:6-9; 21:2, 9)



**“For her” (Eph 5:25)**

**He who is the object of our faith,  
has made us the object of His love**



Jesus initiated love for His church  
(1 Jn 4:9-10)







Jesus' love for us is the same love that the Father has for Jesus (Jn 15:9; 17:23-26; Eph 5:1-2)





Jesus' love for us is eternally secure  
(Rom 8:35, 38-39)



# Jesus' love is eternally secure

Stephen Charnock affirmed that there are “no charms in sin that may not be overcome by that ravishing love which bubbles up in every drop of the Redeemer’s blood”



Jesus loved us even though we were unworthy and unlovely (Rom 5:6, 8, 10)



# Jesus' love for the unworthy

“Jesus comes *from* people with embarrassing stories, and he also comes *for* them”

Erik Raymond, *He is Not Ashamed: The Staggering Love of Christ For His People*, p. 39

# Jesus is not ashamed of...

- ...those with embarrassing stories
- ...of those who opposed Him
- ...of those who are overlooked
- ...of those who were far from God
- ...of those who have nothing
- ...of those who are weak
- ...of those who still sin

Erik Raymond, *He is Not Ashamed*, from his Table of Contents

# Jesus' Stunning Love

The most unworthy are pursued by the Most Worthy!

Jesus gave Himself in death so He could give life to those most worthy of death!





